

BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2323 North Broadway, #103

Santa Ana, California

Tuesday, October 12, 2017

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Ms. Claudia Alvarez. Other member present: Mr. Zeke Hernandez.

Others present: Mr. Casey Elliott (Townsend Public Affairs [TPA], Sacramento), Ms. Chelsea Vongehr (TPA), Mr. Enrique Perez, Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, Ms. Monica Zarske, Mr. Juan Esqueda, and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper. Ms. Laura Kroeger (TPA, Washington, D.C.) was present via teleconference.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Zarske.

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez and seconded by Ms. Alvarez to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017. The motion carried with the following vote: Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Hernandez.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Review of Assembly Bill (AB) 847 – Academic Senates: Membership

The committee discussed AB 847 – Academic Senates: Membership. Ms. Zarske shared the Academic Senate's concerns regarding the bill from Mr. Michael DeCarbo's email as follows:

The faculty are in favor of diversity, but they are not in favor of this bill and respectfully request that we not pursue supporting it.

2.0 **GENERAL** (Cont.)

2.1 Review of Assembly Bill (AB) 847 – Academic Senates: Membership (cont.)

In light of recent attacks on academic freedom and the personal privacy of professors (i.e. <http://www.professorwatchlist.org/>) the faculty do not see that it is necessary for their demographic information to be made public.

Some of our Senators are not tenured; they express concern that they would not feel safe to express ideas for fear of recrimination.

Some of our Senators might be labeled terrorist for their religious beliefs.

Some of our Senators voiced concern that it may lead to mandating that senate bodies reflect demographics.

The State already collects demographic data on the faculty; we do not feel that it is necessary to also collect it at this micro-level for the concerns above.

The Academic Senate of California Community College's passed a resolution in opposition to AB 847 that all three of the RSCCD Senate representatives voted in favor of supporting.

Ms. Alvarez asked that this item be placed on the next committee meeting's agenda for further discussion.

2.2 Review of Legislation to Establish a Secure Program for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Students

The committee discussed legislation relating to DACA students. The committee asked TPA to provide the chancellor with a letter in support of DACA students and a document that would compare the bills relating to DACA students. She asked that the letter and the document be placed on the agenda for the full board to consider at its October 23, 2017, board meeting. Mr. Hernandez suggested board members meet with the Associated Student Government leaders to explain DACA to the student leaders in order to receive feedback from them.

2.3 Review of Senate Bill (SB) 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

The committee discussed SB 769 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program. Since the board already provided a letter of support, the committee does not suggest further action at this time.

2.4 Review of Senate (S.) 748 (Menendez) Protecting the Right of Families and Immigrants Who Legally Entered from Detention (PROFILED) Act

The committee discussed S. 748 PROFILED Act during discussion of Item 2.2.

2.0 GENERAL (Cont.)

2.5 Review of House of Representatives (H.R.) 496 (Coffman)/S. 128 (Graham) Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream and Grow Our Economy (BRIDGE) Act

The committee discussed H.R. 496/S. 128 BRIDGE Act during discussion of Item 2.2.

2.6 Review of S. 206 (Kaine/Portman) Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on S. 206 JOBS Act.

2.7 Review of S. 620 (Franken) Community College to Career Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on S. 620 Community College to Career Act.

2.8 Review of S. 806 (Sanders) College for All Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on S. 806 College for All Act.

2.9 Review of H.R. 2353 (Thompson) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on H.R. 2353 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

2.10 Review of H.R. 3174 (Moulton)/S. 1518 (Gardner) Championing Apprenticeships for New Careers and Employees (CHANCE) in Technology (TECH) Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on H.R. 3174/S. 1518 CHANCE in TECH Act.

2.11 Review of H.R. 3199 (Desaulnier) Improving Access to Higher Education Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on H.R. 3199 Improving Access to Higher Education Act.

2.12 Review of H.R. 3440 (Roybal-Allard)/S. 1615 (Graham) Dream Act

The committee discussed H.R. 3440/S. 1615 Dream Act during discussion of Item 2.2.

2.13 Review of Assembly Bill (AB) 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the status of AB 17 Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced Transit Passes.

2.0 GENERAL (Cont.)

2.14 Review of AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory System Wide Fees and Tuition

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the status of AB 393 Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory System Wide Fees and Tuition.

2.15 Review of AB 1563 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the status of AB 1563 Student Financial Aid: Cal Grand C Awards

2.16 Review of SB 68 (Lara) Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on SB 68 Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition.

2.17 Review of AB 847 (Bocanegra) Academic Senates: Membership

This item is a duplicate of Item 2.1 and was discussed during that item.

2.18 Review of RSCCD Legislative Report

The committee plans to review the RSCCD Legislative Report and forward any questions or concerns to staff.

2.19 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items proposed.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvarez declared this meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.